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Classified By: Ambassador Michele J. Sison for
reasons 1.5 (a), (b), and (d).

(C)At Embassy Baghdad and NSC request, Ambassador shared the draft text of the "Declaration of Principles for a Long Term Relationship of Cooperation and Friendship between the Republic of Iraq and the United States of America" with Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan on November 25 and subsequently arranged a telephone call between Ambassador Crocker and AbZ (refs A and B) that evening. On November 27, Ambassador briefed Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mohammed al Sha'ali on the signing of the declaration by POTUS and the fact sheet (ref C). Minister of State al Sha'ali, who is heading the Foreign Ministry during the Minister's trip to Annapolis, appreciated the additional information regarding the UNSC Chapter VII mandate. Al Sha'ali promised to convey the contents of the fact sheet and additional points to AbZ upon the Minister's return. He also commented favorably on the document's focus on the long-term future of the Iraqi people.
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